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TWO FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFICIALS RECEIVE NEW APPOINTMENTS

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced the promotion of Abram V. Tunison as Chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's branch of game fish and hatcheries. He succeeds Dr. O. Lloyd Meehan who was appointed recently as assistant to the director in charge of technical staff services.

William Hagen, Jr., succeeds Tunison as assistant chief of the branch of game fish and hatcheries. He has been chief of the section of salmon propagation since May 1950.

Mr. Tunison joined the Fish and Wildlife Service on September 1, 1944, as a fishery management technician assigned to the Cortland, N. Y., station. In December 1945 he was transferred to the headquarters office and promoted to the position of assistant chief of game fish and hatcheries.

Prior to his Federal service, Mr. Tunison was employed by the New York State Conservation Department at Cortland, N. Y., from July 1932, to September 1944.

Born at Geneva, N. Y., on April 16, 1909, Tunison received his B. S. degree in 1930 and his M. S. in 1932 from Cornell University. He is a member of the American Fisheries Society and the American Limnological Society.

Mr. Hagen has been with the Fish and Wildlife Service since 1937 when he was appointed as a fishery biologist. He served at various fish hatcheries throughout the country.

In 1941 he was transferred to the Leavenworth, Wash., station during the start of the Grand Coulee salmon salvage project. The following year he became regional biologist in the Portland, Oreg., regional office. In July 1945 he was promoted to the position of regional supervisor of fish culture. In May 1950 he was transferred to the headquarters office in Washington to head the new section of salmon propagation. In this position he was responsible for directing the Atlantic and Pacific salmon programs, including the important Lower Columbia River Fisheries Development program.

Mr. Hagen was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on October 26, 1907. He attended the University of Washington, receiving his B. S. degree in 1933. In 1937 he did graduate work at Cornell University. He is a member of the American Fisheries Society.

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